



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-009

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR OPERATION OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

WHEREAS, There is an increased threat of terrorist attacks in the United States including possible threats to New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, to ensure efficient and quick response to a terrorist attack or other emergency it is necessary to increase State readiness; and

WHEREAS, in response to the increased Homeland Security alert to condition Orange and due to military action in Iraq, the New Mexico Emergency Operations Center was activated on March 18, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, costs associated with increased vigilance and 24-hour operation of Emergency Operations Center may exceed budgeted amounts; and,

WHEREAS, operation of the State EOC is mandatory in order to protect lives and property within the State of New Mexico;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL RICHARDSON, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby declare a State of Emergency for operation of the State Emergency Operations Center, in accordance with Section 6-7-1 through 6-7-3, NMSA 1978 as amended. Funds for authorized expenses related to the activation of the State Emergency Operations Center beyond normally budgeted amounts will be made available to the Department of Public Safety under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative and the Statutes of the State of New Mexico. Furthermore, all State Agencies are directed to provide such assistance as may be requested by the State Emergency Operations Center under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

ATTEST:

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE



DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2003

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
NEW MEXICO

BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR